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TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

1. GATT TEXTILE NEGOTIATING GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT LATE AFTERNOON DECEMBER 20 ON TEXT NEW MULTILATERAL MULTIFIBER TEXTILE ARRANGEMENT. NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL HAVE EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1, 1974, AND TERM OF FOUR YEARS FROM THAT DATE. NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL, OF COURSE, REPLACE LTA EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 1973.

2. NEGOTIATIONS WERE MOST DIFFICULT WITH RESULT THAT FINAL ARRANGEMENT REPRESENTS MANY COMPROMISES BETWEEN POSITIONS OF EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IMPORTING DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. POSITIONS WHICH, WE MIGHT ADD, WERE DEFENDED WITH BOTH HEAT AND TENACITY BY BOTH SIDES. THROUGHOUT NEGOTIATIONS USDEL PERFORMED "GOOD OFFICES" FUNCTION BETWEEN MORE EXTREME DELEGATIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF ARGUMENT. RELATIVELY LIBERAL AND OPEN STANCE TAKEN BY U.S. ON MOST CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SEEMS TO HAVE INSPIRED CONFIDENCE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, NOTABLY INDIA, PAKISTAN AND BRAZIL, ALL OF WHICH

SUPPORTED POSITIONS CRITICAL TO U.S. AND UNDOUBTEDLY USED THEIR CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRY DELS. MUCH OF USDEL TIME WAS, THEREFORE, DEVOTED TO EFFORTS BRING EC POSITIONS TO POINT OF ACCEPTABILITY TO EXPORTING COUNTRIES, WITHOUT WHICH THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO AGREEMENT.

3. THROUGHOUT, DUE TO RATHER SHARP INTERNAL DIFFERENCES, EC DEL SPOKESMEN WERE HANDICAPPED BY NECESSITY REPEATEDLY QUALIFYING THEIR COMMITMENTS, ALL OF WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO SENSE OF MISTRUST ON PART OF EXPORTING COUNTRY DELS. THIS PROBLEM REACHED CRITICAL SITUATION LATE EVENING DECEMBER 18 WHEN, AFTER ALL OTHER DELS HAD AGREED ON ALL SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES IN ARRANGEMENT, EC DEL WAS FORCED TO ENTER SERIES RESERVATIONS ON SUBSTANCES AND ASK FOR RECESS UNTIL DECEMBER 20.

4. USDEL MUCH APPRECIATES WASHINGTON RESPONSE ITS PLEA FOR SUPPORT IN EC CAPITALS AND ON DECEMBER 20 IT WAS APPARENT THIS INTERVENTION WAS EFFECTIVE. EC DEL ENTERED DISCUSSIONS TODAY IN CLEARLY CONCILIATORY SPIRIT WITH RESULT THAT REMAINING EC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESERVATIONS WERE SPEEDILY RESOLVED.

5. USDEL ALSO SHOULD NOTE THAT CONSISTENT, LOGICAL AND RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS TAKEN BY JAPANESE DELEGATION IN FULL COOPERATION WITH USDEL WAS A MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF NEGOTIATIONS.

6. USDEL, RETURNING WASHINGTON DECEMBER 21, CARRYING TEXT.BASSIN

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